

## LOSES HIS TITLE

Mickey Walker Takes Championship From Jack Britton.

All Bets on Contest Called Off From Ringside.

BY DAVIS J. WALSH.  
New York, Nov. 2.—Under rather unseemly circumstances, Jack Britton was stripped of his world's welterweight title by a young person known as Mickey Walker of Elizabeth, N. J., after fifteen questionable rounds at Madison Square Garden last night.

The writer's fight appeared to bear an unseemly aspect. Perhaps it was quite all right. It is hoped for the sake of the boxing game in this locality that it was.

A half hour before the bout a prominent fighter told the writer the odds had changed from 1 to 3 on Britton to 1 to 5 on Walker and that all bets would be declared off from the ringside. The so-called money, it is alleged, was downed by the odds. The really educated money, upon investigation, said that Britton would be knocked out in the tenth round. Perhaps it was a mere coincidence that Britton was on his hands and knees taking a count from what appeared to be a terrible punch on the shoulder when the bell rang, ending the round in question.

Bets Called Off.  
Finally, the fighter's prediction was borne out in toto when Joe Humphreys bawled from the ring that he wished to announce on behalf of the New York athletic commission and the management of this club that all bets on this contest were hereby called off.

This was the first time any such announcement has been made from an American ring for many years. Just what succession of events may have prompted the declaration is not known for the reason the writer was unable to locate William Muldoon, chairman of the commission and fount of information on such topics, after the bout.

These observations are presented for what they may be worth. There is neither animus nor spleen behind them.

Judged purely on its merits, as fought, the bout was a joy ride for Walker. He started punting his man in the first round, walking right into him, fearlessly, as tho he was stepping up to an armless paralytic. In the second round he caught Britton off balance with a left hook to the jaw and Jack went down momentarily, losing his mouthpiece during the general excitement.

Starting with the third, Britton began to box like the champion he should have and until the sixth round, made Walker look silly. That was the end, however.

From then on to the fifteenth the youth was in front from going to ground, scoring knockdowns in the sixth, tenth and twelfth and in general having the time of his hilarious young life. At the end, there was not the slightest doubt to whom the verdict would go, some of the customers raising a cheer and others a roar. The announcer demanded three cheers for the greatest champion that ever lost his title. That was another one of those things that was never done before. All in all, it was quite a remarkable occasion.

## BONUS A LOAN TO SOLDIERS

Dr. E. J. Kulp Urges Kansans to Vote for Adjusted Compensation.

A bond issue for the purpose of paying a bonus to Kansas ex-service men is more realistic than an error in selective draft law, Dr. E. J. Kulp, pastor of the First Methodist church, told a crowd of 4,000 persons who filled nearly every seat in the city auditorium Wednesday night.

"When we drafted the men for the trenches we should also have drafted every other man and woman in the country for the service which they were best suited to perform and we should have drafted every dollar of capital in the country," Doctor Kulp declared.

"The man who took advantage of the needs of the country to make money is too low for contempt. No man should have come out of the war with more money than he had when we entered the war."

The charge made by some opponents of the bonus to the effect that it won't be good for the soldiers to give them a bonus, and that they will squander it wastefully, was answered by Doctor Kulp with the statement that their fathers and mothers haven't always been wise in the expenditure of their money, and that the ex-soldiers will probably buy such the bonus they receive to good advantage as the preceding generation has laid out its money.

"There is no better investment in citizenship than is offered in the investment of the bonus money in the men who fought for their country and have returned to it," Doctor Kulp said. "I'd rather put my money on the ex-service men than on any other bunch of men I know of."

The taxes which will pay the bonus and their interest, if they are issued by the state, will fall on the ex-service men themselves, Dr. Kulp declared. "You won't have to pay them. The ex-service men themselves will have to pay them. The bonus is a loan from the soldiers to themselves, and if any man wants to loan himself some of his own money and then pay it back, I see no reason why I should stand in his way."

Dr. Kulp spoke in place of Judge John Madden, of Wichita, chairman of the citizens' committee of the state on adjusted compensation, who was unable to fill his speaking engagement at Topeka.

Eight reels of moving pictures, taken by the Signal Corps photographers of the A. E. F., were shown to the audience. The meeting was free and under the auspices of the American Legion, Capitol Post No. 1.

## MADE SURE OF DEATH.

Standing in Middle of River, Farmer Cuts His Throat.

Downs, Kan., Nov. 2.—Jacob Sheets, a wealthy retired farmer, this place, committed suicide yesterday. He left a note on the table at his home telling his daughters, with whom he made his home, that they would find him in the river.

A search revealed that he had waded out into the stream and cut his throat, then fell on his face in the water. Dependent over disappointment in a love affair is supposed to have led to the tragedy. His wife died several years ago. Five grown sons and three grown daughters survive.

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## "Buckfoot" Davis Had Visions of Much Wealth To Be Won in Foot Race

Democratic Candidate for Governor Was Victim of Fixed Race—He Lost His Money, But Learned a Good Lesson.

BY A. L. SHULTZ.

State wide interest in the "Buckfoot" Davis title which has been mentioned so prominently in the state wide campaign has brought to light the human interest story of dreary life and bright light ambitions of the Democratic nominee for governor. From every section of the state in the last few weeks has come a request for a story of the title which the Bourbon nominee won more than a quarter of a century ago.

It was back in the magic days following Populism and fifteen cent corn that the present Democratic nominee for governor waged a bit of his hard earned farm credit for a chance at easy life on the paved streets and a possible few thousand dollars of easy money. The big temptation came to Jonathan Davis in the period following the trouble days before the telephone, free mail delivery and the thrills of hot and cold water for daily baths invaded the rural precincts.

Jonathan Davis, who displayed the natural human tendency, bet on the sure thing. The mere fact that he lost merely gave color to the thorny human story.

A Foot Race King.  
In the late 90's Bud Gillett was a foot race king. His ability was known in the state long before the telephone came to the office of the small country town dailies. Gillett could clip a fraction of a second and his speed held much of the tense interest which the new voter has since placed in motor car or airplane. Bud Gillett dropped into the rather colorless life of the little town of Bronson it was Jonathan Davis among other interested citizens who held their breath as the foot race demon cut off 100 yards in ten seconds flat by a stop watch.

One day a challenge came to Gillett from an unknown speed demon in Webb City, Mo. But Gillett was bubbling over with a sad story. Yet speed without cash didn't mean much in matching a championship race.

So the sad story was carried to Garcia. The fact that Jonathan Davis, earnest, solemn, serious minded farmer of the state legislature was standing first in line at the city gate may have been merely an incident. In later months Jonathan Davis' rather befuddled mind led him to believe that he had been selected to stand at the gate. But just the same he was there.

Gillett and his manager had a wonderful story. There was a lot of people who wanted to bet on the race. Winning was merely an incident, it was like taking the title from the baby. Fact is Gillett and his manager seemed to express sympathy for the Missouri challenger. But in order to make the betting lively and in order to give the race the proper action and color it was necessary that someone be betting against the arena with a lot of Long Green Kale.

Davis Was Selected.

Jonathan Davis was selected to walk up and bet the Bank Roll. When Jonathan Davis protested that he had merely his herds and his crops the race king and his manager waved it all aside. They told him of the big commissions on all bets and the Sure Thing of the race. In ten minutes he might make more money than the profits from two years' crops. Temptation tugged and pulled at Jonathan Davis' heart. Farm drudgery wasn't all the story books said. Making the bulls and tilling the soil wasn't all poetry. Sometimes there were long, sad years when the net returns were not fit. From the lobby of the Troop hotel in Topeka Jonathan Davis as a member of the legislature had contentedly picked his teeth and had observed the white lights and the Light of Ease and Comfort.

Jonathan Davis was a good farmer. But he was human.

He saw where a little ready cash properly wrapped in a napkin and deposited with the stake holder would come back with much extra gold. So Jonathan Davis wired to his banker in the little home town and told him he might suddenly need some Ready Cash.

When the day of the big event approached Jonathan Davis journeyed into Missouri and drew a draft for \$5,000. The telegram gave assurance that the draft was good. Jonathan Davis received a reassuring pat on the back and the assurance that the carefully selected stake holder. There was another declaration of faith. Bud Gillett could win in a wheel chair. It was whole fish in a barrel. It was merely necessary for Jonathan Davis to stand at the wire and greet

the stake holder with a broad grin and collect a year's farm profits. The Jonathan Davis' money went into the stake holder's big bag with much money, a gun cracked and the race was on.

Jonathan Davis stood at the appointed spot. It must have seemed an easy matter to understand Wall Street manipulations and the making of fortunes in a few fitting seconds. Gillett was off like a streak of lightning. Maybe Jonathan Davis wondered why simple souls spent long years in tedious toil when the way to wealth was so simple and easy. Jonathan Davis leaned over the rail to watch the two men tear down the track to put a few farm profits in his pockets. He had the assurance not only that Gillett could win in a walk, but that previous arrangements made result positive and certain. It was like betting that tomorrow's sun would come up out of the east.

Then Something Happened.  
Then something suddenly happened. One of the racers fell. It was Jonathan Davis' hero.

There wasn't a pay day for Jonathan Davis as the race finished except an obligation to pay the loan at the bank. Jonathan Davis, who had been "in" on the frame-up, was the sudden victim of a plot.

Realization that he had been "hooked" came slowly to Jonathan Davis' mind. Not until after the stake holder had convinced him that he should hasten out of town "because there was a claim that the cash was short" did Jonathan Davis come to the conclusion that something was wrong. But that conviction didn't lessen his responsibility at the home bank.

There was a lot of litigation following that famous foot race. Jonathan Davis sought to recover on the allegation that he was the victim of a film frame game which he had believed would catch the other fellow instead of himself.

Bud Gillett and his crowd became known as the Buckfoot Gang because of their policy of staging fake foot races and victimizing innocent farmers and business men. The next winter Jonathan Davis went back to the Kansas legislature to represent the Kansas and Bourbon county farm interests the title of "Buckfoot."

That was nearly thirty years ago. But today the Democratic nominee's title of "Buckfoot" Davis continues to stick like a plaster and all the story of the frame-up which went wrong is written in the Missouri court records where Jonathan Davis sought to recover his \$5,000 loss.

## WEEKLY LABOR REPORT

Total of 1,329 Persons Unemployed During Last Week in Kansas.

There were 1,329 persons unemployed in Kansas during the week ending last Saturday as compared to 1,296 the week before, according to reports from the seven district offices of the labor division of the industrial court made public today by Judge John H. Crawford. Last week 1,088 applications for help wanted were received by the seven offices, 1,101 persons were referred to positions and the offices were informed that 1,089 had gone to work.

The Wichita area had 239 people idle, the largest number of any of the seven districts. Salina reported 253 idle; Topeka, 226; Hutchinson, 244; Kansas City, 184; Parsons, 76, and Emporia, 29.

There was a slight increase last week in the demand for farm labor owing to the beginning of the corn shucking season. Wages for this labor seemed to be based on the bushel yield per acre, Judge Crawford said. Packing plants reported a need for skilled help which they are unable to fill at their gates. Town jobs keep up well, the report said. The unskilled employed only part time are the ones looking for odd jobs. The week was a good one for pushing forward all kinds of outdoor work. "The car shortage," said Judge Crawford, "still continues to have a bearing on the unemployment situation."

## Missionary Society at Lawrence.

Lawrence, Kan., Nov. 2.—The ninth annual state convention of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church opened here yesterday with a meeting of the executive board. More than 200 delegates are expected from all sections of the state today, when the regular sessions begin. The convention will continue thru Friday morning.

## IN HONOR OF T. R.

Portland Will Unveil Huge Statue Armistice Day.

Expect 25,000 Children to Take Part in Program.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 2.—"Theodore Roosevelt, Rough Rider," is the inscription on a heroic equestrian statue of the former president, to be unveiled here Armistice day with ceremonies in which many thousands of persons are to participate.

The statue, by A. Phimister Proctor, was presented to the city of Portland by Dr. Henry Waldo Cox, a life-long friend of Theodore Roosevelt, and it is to be dedicated to the children of America. Approximately 25,000 school children of the city are to take a prominent part of the exercises. The morning program is to be devoted to the children's part of the ceremonies, with a parade, each child dropping a rose, Portland's emblem, at the foot of the statue.

Hold Military Parade.  
There will be a military parade in the afternoon, with the regular army, the navy, the marines, Oregon National Guard, the Grand Army of the

Republic, Spanish-American war veterans, American Legion, Boy Scouts and Sons of the American Revolution represented. Counts of Oregon and other states are to be represented by committees.

Dedication ceremonies will be held at the unveiling, and a message from President Warren G. Harding is to be read.

The statue is located in a park square near the heart of the city. The bronze figure stands more than 13 feet in height, placed on a pedestal of granite eight feet high.

Family Aided Sculptor.  
The Roosevelt family has taken keen interest in the work of Proctor, the sculptor, and Mrs. Roosevelt provided him with the clothing and accoutrements, including the sidearms which were worn by Colonel Roosevelt in the battle of San Juan hill. The army selected as a model a soldier of the same stature, girth, height and weight as Colonel Roosevelt at the time he was a rough rider. After a long search for a suitable horse one was found at Palo Alto, owned by a girl student at Stanford university, and upon this horse, dressed as Roosevelt, the soldier posed daily for many months. Members of the Roosevelt family have pronounced their approval of the work of art.

There are fewer suicides proportionately to population in Ireland than in any other country.

## 25 YEARS AGO IN TOPEKA

From the columns of THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL

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F. A. Healy, auditor of the South Carolina &amp; Georgia railway, with headquarters at Charleston, S. C., stopped off in Topeka Sunday to visit his brother, W. J. Healy, Mr. Healy was formerly with the Santa Fe while in Topeka.

At the Crawford theater last evening there was scarcely a lady's hat visible in the center of the house not one was to be seen. Nowadays a theater audience sprinkled with women's hats has an unmistakably green, dowdy and contrived appearance.

The Derthick Music club met last evening at the home of Mrs. Going, 909 Topeka avenue. Healy was the composer of the "Musical Criticism in America." Miss Marston, Sonata op. 14, No. 2, Miss Tracy, Analysis, Miss Josephine Seay, "Migration," Mrs. W. J. Miller, "The Fallen Tree," Miss Knox, "Moonlight Sonata," Miss Anna Campbell, "Creation's Hymn," by James Moore, was one of the most enjoyable numbers on the program. The guests of the club were: Mrs. Marston, Mrs. Tracy, Miss Daisy Starr, Miss Mabel Huey, Miss Florence Knox, James Moore, F. P. MacLennan, Mrs. W. J. Miller, Miss Mary Seay. The club will meet tomorrow at 2:30 with Mrs. Healy, who will play their musical game and transact the club business.



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